



1997

River Rep
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Season



— at the —
Ivoryton Playhouse
THEATRE FOR CHILDREN
MAIN STREET, IVORYTON

All Performances at 11:00 a.m.

* EXCEPT AS NOTED BELOW *

SUMMER of 1997

FRIDAY, June 27 – “Puss in Boots”

(Performed by The Fanfare Theatre Ensemble)

FRIDAY, July 4 – “Little Red Riding Hood”

(Performed by The Fanfare Theatre Ensemble)

**FRIDAY, July 11 – “Dorothy Meets Alice, or
The Wizard of Wonderland”**

(Performed by Alliance Theatre Company)

FRIDAY, July 18 – “The Emperor’s New Clothes”

(Performed by Encore Performing Arts)

FRIDAY, July 25 – “The Streamlined Double Decker Bus”

(Performed by Julie and Brownie)

FRIDAY, August 1 – “The Magic Clown”

(Performed by The Gans Group)

FRIDAY, August 8 – “A Pirate’s Life For Me”

(Performed by Julie and Brownie)

MONDAY, August 11 – “Tom Sawyer”

**Special Performance at 7:00 p.m. **

FRIDAY, August 15 – “Tom Sawyer”

**11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. **

(Performed by The River Rep’s own

Youth Theatre by arrangement with

The Fanfare Theatre Ensemble)

FRIDAY, August 22 – “Rumplestiltskin”

(Performed by The Fanfare Theatre Ensemble)

*All
Seats
\$6*

*Box
767-8348
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THE RIVER REP
at the
IVORYTON PLAYHOUSE
presents

Jenn Thompson

Evan Thompson

Joan Shepard

Owen Thompson

in

SYLVIA

by

A. R. GURNEY

Directed by

JULIA KILEY

Settings by

Ani Blackburn

Lighting by

Greg Guarnaccia

Costumes by

Jennie Cleaver

Production Stage Manager

Lee O'Connor*

Welcome to the Eleventh Season of **THE RIVER REP**

THE RIVER REP

is a professional company
dedicated to bringing you the best in theatre

Producing Partners

Jane Stanton
Artistic Director

Joan Shepard
Managing Director

James W. Kelley

Julia Kiley

Evan Thompson

DON'T MISS THE REST OF OUR EXCITING SEASON!

***MY FAIR LADY** **Three weeks!** **July 2 – July 19**

*The world's best loved musical. Shaw collaborates with
Lerner and Loewe – fun, romance and marvellous music!*

***THE MAN WHO CAME TO DINNER** **July 22 – August 2**

*Kaufman and Hart's comedy classic! Split your sides laughing
at Sheridan Whiteside, the world's funniest houseguest.*

***GODSPELL** **August 5 – August 16**

*Stephen Schwartz's timeless musical! Young, vibrant, uplifting:
the Book of Matthew set to memorable, inspiring music.*

***DRIVING MISS DAISY** **August 19 – August 31**

*Alfred Uhry's gem of a play. The poignant story of an unusual
friendship that spans decades and defies racial boundaries.*



We go beyond the call

SYLVIA

CAST

(In order of appearance)

Sylvia Jenn Thompson*

Greg Evan Thompson*

Kate Joan Shepard*

Tom / Phyllis / Leslie Owen Thompson*

Understudy for Miss Thompson and Miss Shepard – Deirdre O’Leary*;
for Mr. Evan Thompson and Mr. Owen Thompson – Warren Kelley*

**Member of Actor’s Equity Association
The Union of Professional Actors and
State Managers in the United States*

∞ *THERE WILL BE ONE 15 MINUTE INTERMISSION* ∞

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Assistant Technical Director/Master Carpenter	Joe Gates
Master Electrician/Board Operator	Ron Talit
Electrics Crew	Winston Limauge, Joe Gates, Charlie Underwood, Ron Talit
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The River Rep's Own Youth Theatre Presents

TOM SAWYER

Written by JOHN CLIFTON and TOM TIPPETT

Directed by JANE STANTON

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE
IVORYTON PLAYHOUSE
1997

Saturday, October 4
Old Lyme High School Presents Neil Simons
"Rumors"

Saturday, October 25
Ivoryton Playhouse Fourth Annual
Halloween Dance

Saturday, November 8
Ivoryton Playhouse Second Annual
Dancing At The Stage Door Canteen

Friday, November 14 – Saturday, November 15
The Madhatters Children's Theatre Co.

December 4th – December 14th
The Alice People Theatre Co., presents
"Oliver!"

Ticket prices to all performances to be announced
For more information concerning events at the Ivoryton Playhouse call
(860) 767-8348 or (860) 767-7318

RENTAL INFORMATION

The Ivoryton Playhouse Foundation is pleased to announce that our on-going extensive rehabilitation effort has resulted in the Playhouse being available for rental year-round on either a daily or longer basis. Join the long list of famous performers who have graced our stage. Fully heated and air-conditioned, the 300 plus seat Playhouse blends the atmosphere of a National Register of Historic Places building with the amenities you need for your event. The Playhouse is the perfect place for shows, recitals, concerts, and other performances. The Playhouse also accommodates wedding receptions, fund raising events, professional organization dinners, and meetings, and dances. Please contact the Foundation office for more information at 767-7318.

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for their continued generosity in donating office equipment and funds to the building fund

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for his constant loyalty to, and care of, the Playhouse building and grounds

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for a wonderful evening of music to benefit the Ivoryton Playhouse

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for bringing her laughter and wisdom to the Playhouse

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for his generous donation of two fascinating framed playbills from the 1940's

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for rescuing the fence around the Playhouse by providing it with a gleaming coat of paint

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for their true spirit of volunteerism

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for dressing room carpet

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DEAR FRIENDS OF THE IVORYTON PLAYHOUSE:

"The time has come, the walrus said, to speak of many things like shoes and ships and sealing wax and....." a new roof on the workshop, and a freshly painted lobby and plans for re-wiring and many, many more improvements that are happening daily at the Ivoryton Playhouse. With our new "Taking the Challenge Campaign" well under way, and with the support of membership dollars, the Ivoryton Playhouse Foundation is looking to the future with an exciting renovation and rehabilitation plan that will only make your visits to the Playhouse more comfortable and enjoyable.

The River Rep at the Ivoryton Playhouse has been bringing down the house for eleven summers with its joyous and magical performances. Now, the Board of Trustees of the Ivoryton Playhouse would like to return the favor by literally bringing down the house, or rather the stage, back to its original height to enhance your viewing pleasure. We are also looking at replacing the shingles on the outside of the building as they have served their purpose well for the past 90 years, but are now beginning to feel their age!

As a supporter of the River Rep, you already appreciate the work of the Foundation in restoring and maintaining the Playhouse and preserving its entertainment, cultural and service value to the community. Won't you consider joining us and becoming a member of the Ivoryton Playhouse Foundation? As a member, you will be kept current on activities at the Playhouse throughout the year. Members are listed in the Playbill and are invited to a Members' Reception on the Opening Night of the River Rep season. A new benefit for Members is a special Two-For-One offer on non-subscription opening night tickets for each of River Rep's five summer shows. Members are eligible to vote for Trustees at the Annual Meeting of the Members of the Ivoryton Playhouse Foundation.

On behalf of the Trustees, I hope you will join us; we look forward to sharing our successes with you as we work together to make the Ivoryton Playhouse "A THEATRE FOR ALL SEASONS."



Jacqueline Hubbard
President

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